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THE NEW YEAR

A gray old man toiled at the rope;
Loud rang the bell and clear;
The hour was midnight, and the time,
The passing of the year.

And as he tolled, the old man sang,
And laughed beneath his breath;
He laughed and sang with glee, and yet
He tolled the knell of death.

"Old man," said I, "this shameless mirth
Seems sadly out of place;
A solemn chant, a dirge of prayer
Would make a better grace.

"The old year dies weighed down with sin,
Weighed down with lives mispent,
Come kneel you down with me and mourn
Come join in my lament."

"I mourn not for the past," he said;
A new life I begin,
I do not ring the old year out—
I ring the new year in.

"Why do you wish to mourn and grieve,
This hour is not for tears;
The star of hope shines steadfast, pure,
Above the coming years.

"I laugh and sing for very joy,
And not with shameless mirth;
Good sir, I toll not for the dead—
I celebrate a birth.

"Come turn your back upon the past,
And bid your grief begone;
The night is dark, but then, good sir,
Joy cometh with the dawn."

Kentucky Standard.

Canadian News

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TORONTO TIDINGS

May 1929 be a happy and prosperous year to all is our sincere wish.

Mrs. Walter Bell was up in our midst for the week-end of December 8th.

The president of Bowes Co., Ltd., for whom our friend, Mr. John Parsons works, presented John with a beautiful necktie on his birthday, November 28th last.

Mr. James W. Grieg, brother of our own Horace Greig, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Wellesley Hospital, was removed to his home on December 9th, and we are pleased to say is recovering rapidly.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Muckle, the beloved and affectionate mother of Miss Lizzie Muckle, who had been laid up for over three weeks with a serious illness, will be glad to hear she is out and around again.

Mr. William Clench, of Kingston, arrived in this city, on December 7th, to consult a doctor, and remained here for a few days. As he was short of funds and unable to buy a return ticket, Our Women's Association came to his aid with a "lift."

Miss Margaret Bowen, of Cookstown, is now working for Mrs. Harry E. Grooms, in place of Mrs. Eva Van Valin, who just took up the work for awhile. Margaret's deaf twin sister, Esther, is working for her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Averall, near Newton Robinson.

All were delighted to meet Mr. Daniel Fleming, of Craigleith, at our church on December 9th. He was looking the same as ever and rumor has it that he is out "angling" for a life partner. With a well cultivated farm and a beautiful home, situated on the shores of the Georgian Bay and at the brow of the Blue Mountains, at his disposal and a little "Klondyke" in greenbacks to boot, we presume there's luck to the maiden who "wins his fancy."

In your last issue, reference was made of the visit of Mr. F. P. Gibson to our "Frats" gathering on December 6th, but the writer had not time to get the names of the new officers of our division who were nominated that evening, so here goes the list. President, Silas Baskerville (re-elected); Vice-President, John Buchan; Secretary, Harry E. Grooms; Treasurer, A. H. Jaffray; Added to the directorate, Samuel Goodall; Sergeant-at-Arms, Percy Kintree.

Mr. A. W. Mason has just presented a nice crayon portrait of his late beloved wife to our church, the work of which he executed himself and did this under great handicap. Since he suffered a partial stroke almost a year ago, he was left almost totally blind in one eye, and it was with but the sight of one eye that he labored on so persistently, and the neatness of his work is left to your judgment. Our church members are very grateful

for such a gift. Mrs. Mason's memory still lingers with us.

Mr. W. E. Garrow, of Belleville, and Mr. Robert Batho, of Hamilton, bobbed up in our midst on December 9th, and the former remained here for some time.

Mr. H. W. Roberts went up to Priceville, on December 11th, to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Archibald Ferguson, one of Mrs. Roberts' favorite uncles. It was a very large funeral.

Miss Evelyn Hazlitt and Mrs. A. Walker went down to Belleville, on December 12th, to pay their last respects to the memory of the late Dr. Coughlin.

Mr. Henry Whealy is now working at Leaside with his brother, and is now nearer his home than when he worked on Duferin Street.

Mr. James Ball, the hearing brother of Miss Bessie Ball, of Detroit, died in this city, on December 10th, in his seventy-second year, and was buried in Prospect Cemetery, on December 13th. Miss Ball was down for the funeral, but returned to Detroit immediately afterwards. Mr. A. W. Mason and Mrs. J. H. Mason represented our church at the funeral.

Mr. R. M. Thomas, of Oakville, was in the city, on December 13th, on pleasure and business bent.

Back to the days of the good old Bridgen regime are we again as far as our church board of trustees are concerned. At a meeting, called for the election of a Board on December 14th, there was a by-law rescinded that gives the Board a permanent standing, hence there was no election at all. Fred Terrell as Superintendent and W. R. Watt as Assistant Superintendent, were re-chosen and the old Board of Trustees, with Messrs. J. T. Shilton and H. W. Roberts added, were all confirmed. More details later.

As announced in the JOURNAL of December 6th, the Auction Sale under the auspices of the Bridgen Literary Society, came off more successfully, on December 8th, than was expected. Mr. Charles Elliott is to be given the greater credit for such an affair, for it was he who got all the articles at wholesale prices, thus clearing a handsome profit. In all the dignity of an auctioneer with his silk topper and his customary agility, he made the sale go merrily on, with biddings always going up to the limit. Nearly fifteen dollars was realized. Before the sale commenced it was announced that the election of officers for the ensuing term would be held then and the elections proceeded. Although strongly persuaded to stand for re-election, H. W. Roberts courteously yet firmly declined. However, he warmly thanked the members for the great help he had received during the past two seasons and strongly attributed the society's great success to their good-will and co-operation, and predicted greater success for this society in the future. Let it be known that the Bridgen Literary Society is the strongest, largest and most influential artery of our church, to which it contributed sixty dollars last season.

Frank E. Harris, the indefatigable secretary, was chosen as the new chairman by acclamation, and Ernest Hackbush was given the post of Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. The committee was increased from eight to eleven by the incursion of three more ladies, and is now composed of the following: Messrs. Charles A. Elliott, W. R. Watt, J. R. Byrne, H. W. Roberts, Mesdames H. Whealy, H. W. Watt and H. W. Roberts, Miss Beulah Wilson and Evelyn Hazitt, with the chairman and secretary thrown in.

Miss Jessie Dewar and her mother of Owen Sound, have been visiting relatives here and in Detroit lately. This week's batch of subscriptions sent in are for Miss H. F. Chapman, of New Westminster, B. C.; Thomas D. Crozier, of Hagersville, and Hugh R. Carson, of Owen Sound, all of whom enjoy the JOURNAL's news columns.

The members of St. Francis De Sales Society to the number of nearly a score observed the tenth anniversary of this society on November 25th, with an auto ride around the city, a grand spread at Loretta Abbey and games at their headquarters. Miss Lena Shannon, of Oshawa, was up for this occasion and remained over the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald P. O'Brien.

DR. C. B. COUGHLIN PASSES ON

The deaf throughout the country were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Superintendent Dr. Charles B. Coughlin of the Belleville School for the Deaf, on December 10th, in his sixty-sixth year.

He had not been in the best of health since his return from a convention in the South, but his demise was quite unexpected. He was at his office that afternoon, and intended to go for a drive with his wife. Before leaving the yard in the car, Dr. Coughlin suffered a heart attack, collapsed and expired before medical aid could be summoned.

The late Dr. Coughlin was born in Asphodel Township, near Norwood, on April, 1862, being the son of the late Richard and Catherine Coughlin. He entered Trinity University, Toronto, and graduated later in medicine. He practiced in Arthur and Peterboro, before being called to his present position. A Conservative in politics, he contested a seat in Western Ontario in the Provincial Legislature, but was defeated. When the late Sir James Whitney came into power, Dr. Coughlin was appointed Superintendent of the O. S. D., which position he had occupied for the past twenty-two years.

Deceased married Miss Hannah Pigott, of Peterboro. Surviving are his widow, three sisters and one brother. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church, giving much of his time for the advancement of the order and the church. A member of the Rotary Club, he took a personal interest in crippled children work. He was also a member of the Bay of Quinte Country Club and an ardent golfer.

The deceased was personally well liked by the deaf on account of his genial personality, and was given great credit for the erection of our handsome new institution at Belleville, one of the finest on the continent, with all its sanitary surroundings and beauty, but his introduction of pure oralism as a method of teaching did not meet with the approval of the deaf as a whole, who still bitterly condemn such a system, which is more of a drawback rather than a forward movement in the rapid advance in the teaching of the deaf.

CALIFORNIA CHIPS

A baby girl was born on October 21st last, to Mrs. Richards, formerly Miss Nellie Bradshaw, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, and no wonder Tommy wears his first grandpa's smile.

Mr. Nelson Wood's parents celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas Day and their children gave a royal reception and dinner to them in honor of the event at the fashionable Margaret Baylor Inn, which was reserved for the occasion. This venerable couple were presented with a valuable dinner set as a memento of the occasion.

Miss Ella Wood, the beautiful nineteen-year-old only child of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wood, is now a full-fledged stenographer and making twenty-five dollars a week, which will be increased to thirty-seven dollars ere long. According to California law, no child under eighteen can work for wages and when over that the start must not be less than sixteen dollars.

Mr. William Putman Lett, formerly of Carp, Ont., and his wife, a graduate of the Winnipeg school, often slip out to the Noah Beery trout pond to fish for rainbow and golden trout that abound in that stream, which is the private property of the well-known actor. It costs twenty dollars yearly to enjoy this privilege, and to be a member of the fishing club a fee of fifty dollars is asked. Mr. Lett is a first-class painter and does work on big contracts in Los Angeles and Hollywood. He has two deaf brothers, Stephen and Birdie, now living near Carp, Ont.,

Mrs. Theodore Law was lately out to San Francisco, visiting her son, Charlie, whose father was the late William Lightfoot, of Toronto, Can. Charlie is doing very well in that city and plays on that city's baseball team. Mrs. Law is now with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradshaw in Santa Barbara, where she may remain all winter.

Mr. Thomas Bradshaw's two daughters, Eva and Margaret, are employed

in a large bank in Santa Barbara and like it fine. The deaf down in Ontario know them very well. Eva is now Mrs. Fletcher.

The paved highway that runs up from Mexico, through Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma to Vancouver, B. C., Canada, is the longest and one of the finest in the world.

GENERAL GLEANINGS

Miss Clara Heckler is now living at St. Clements. She used to work in a shoe factory, along with Messrs. A. S. Waggoner and Charles Golds, in Kitchener many years ago.

The trial of William Roseel, of Dunnville, charged with shooting with intent, resulted in a verdict of guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy, but at time of writing sentence was postponed for a week. His victim has now fully recovered from the wounds which our deaf friend inflicted, while defending the housekeeper during a drunken brawl.

We heartily congratulate our young friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aitchison, of Avonton, on the recent birth of their first child, a daughter. The mother is well known among the deaf as the former clever and popular Miss Margaret Hoy, eldest daughter of Mrs. Robert Hoy, of Avonton.

The Misses Helen A. Middleton and Sylvia Caswell, of Niagara Falls, Ont., spent the week-end with friends in Buffalo as well as to finish their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. George Elliott, of Long Branch, thought it would be nice to give Mr. George J. Timpon, of that place, a strong reminder of his natal day, so got up a surprise party on December 7th, and put it over on him, and it was a great affair. Over a score were on hand to give friend George the "Kaffir Dance," plus games galore. The jolly bunch retired around midnight, after partaking of a delicious spread, and wishing George many happy returns of the day.

Miss Maybelle Russell and her mother have gone to Collingwood for the winter, after being at their home in Ailsa Craig all summer.

The condition of Mrs. Hugh R. Carson, of Owen Sound, remains about the same.

Not long ago Miss E. S. Chapman, of New Westminster, B. C., was visiting her hearing sister then in the best of health, but now she has crossed the Great Chasm to await the coming of the beloved ones left behind. The deceased died very suddenly in the arms of her daughter recently. We deeply sympathize with Miss Chapman, who besides this bereavement has to take care of an invalid mother, but she is joyfully doing her duty, knowing very well that on the "Day of Days" she will wear a crown of His approval and glory.

HERBERT W. ROBERTS.

MEDICINE FROM MISTLETOE

A brand-new medicine, discovered in France, is being made from the extract of mistletoe. Dr. Charles Greene Cumston, the Swiss correspondent of the New York Medical Journal, in describing it, says, however, that the American mistletoe will not do, as its effects are different from those of its French sister.

The new preparation is called viscum album. It was discovered by Dr. Gaultier, and he and Dr. Doyen are said to have had great success with it in checking certain forms of hemorrhage. It is given either in the form of pills or injections into the veins. Its effect is to dilate the blood vessels by paralyzing the vasomotor centres of the nervous system; to increase the systolic energy of the heart and slow the heart beats; to cause contraction of the fibres of the muscles.

Intestinal hemorrhage due to typhoid fever is checked by it, and it is called admirable for use in hardening of the arteries.

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BUFFALO

Anyone interested in the 1930 N. A. D. convention, and desiring information and free literature should write to Charles N. Snyder, Secretary-Publicity, 58 Harrison Ave., Lockport, N. Y.

Buffalo is preeminently a convention center of the first rank, attracting over 100 gatherings every year with delegates and visitors numbering thousands. The attractions are manifold and deserved, when one takes in Buffalo's advantageous situation at the foot of the Great Lakes, within striking distance of that great country north of us, Canada, a dependence of Great Britain, and the Mecca of the thirty, and where the Eighteenth Amendment is an unknown quantity, like the elusive x quantity that we diligently hunted for at Gallaudet.

And the Canadians know how to do things up brown. A visit across the river should be on the itinerary of every convention visitor and he will be amply rewarded by the magnificent scenery along the whole of the front and in the intimate historical associations. If you enter by way of Niagara Falls, you come to Victoria Park, right by the side of the falls, a magnificent panorama of wild and rustic beauty, scarce duplicated anywhere in the world. Here are situated the mammoth electric lights that at night illuminate the falls. This is a feature that tourists stay over to see, as the effects are indescribably beautiful.

The great Canadian Boulevard, paralleling the river for many miles, takes you to numerous historical places, particularly to Queenston, on the heights where stands towering 185 feet into space, the prodigious monument to Sir Isaac Brock, commander of the British forces that in the war of 1812, won a sanguinary conflict from the Americans on that spot. There are to be seen, properly marked out, the original breastworks. Right across from Queenston, over the Niagara River on the American side, stand Lewiston, the oldest settlement in Western New York, which this month celebrates its 250th anniversary. In May, 1678, at St. Germain, France, King Louis gave to the Chevalier Rene Robert LaSalle permission to pursue explorations in the new world. He sailed from France, arriving at Quebec, September 15th. From Fort Frontenac he sent about fourteen men to the Niagara. They were to build a vessel above the falls in which to continue his explorations. Under command of the Sieur de la Motte, and accompanied by the missionary, Father Louis Hennepin, they entered the Niagara River. The next day Hennepin and five companions, in a canoe, ascended the river until stopped by the rapids, then proceeded on foot on the Canadian side to Chippewa Creek.

Failing to find a suitable place in which to construct the proposed brigantine, they, on December 15th, sailed and towed the brigantine up the river to the foot of the rapids, moored her on the American side, presented Lewiston, and devoted the next three days to the construction of a storehouse, which they surrounded with palisades. It was the first white man's structure on the Niagara. All this we have from the voluminous writings of Father Hennepin himself, which form the basis of all local history. It is the same Hennepin, credited with being the first white man to view the cataracts, being given the tip by the Indians, and coming over via portage around the rapids from Lewiston.

However, it was not until 1800, that the first permanent settlements were made. It was incorporated as a village in 1822. It is a quiet little town. The Frontier House still stands, crowned in all its ancient glory as in the days when Marquis Lafayette stopped there on his triumphal tour of the United States.

Sunday, December 9th, Gleason Erb, with the Misses Charlotte Schwagler and Agnes Palmgren, motored to Rochester, where they attended the first anniversary of their little goddaughter, Charlotte Samuelson. Mr. Le Grand Klock,

of Rochester, the godfather, was also present, as was Mr. Yates Lansing. Little Charlotte seemed to recognize the import and solemnity of the occasion, for all day long she was wreathed in smiles and never let out a yawp. Mrs. Samuelson was the former Bertha Cowdy, of Buffalo. All reported a splendid time.

Grand President Gibson, of the N. F. S. D. was in the city the second week of this month, and surely was busy every second of his stay here. Frank Krahling, President of Buffalo Division, No. 40, drove with him to Toronto, Canada, where they had the pleasure of attending the Toronto division meeting, returning the next day, and prior to his departure for Chicago on December 7th, had quite a chat at the Statler with Messrs. James Coughlin and W. Elmer Davis.

It is always a pleasure to meet "Prexy," as he radiates good will around and as a missionary, he is doing good work in spreading the gospel of fraternalism, that sooner or later is bound to result in incalculable good.

The Kicuwa Club held another of their justly celebrated affairs, December 8th, at the club's headquarters, the Y. W. C. A., and as usual was an unqualified success. Games were played and prizes, donated by the members, awarded the winners. The chairman was Mrs. William Haenszel, ably assisted by the following committee, composed of Mrs. Henry Zink, Miss Agnes Palmgren, Miss Catherine Lehmann, Mrs. Walter Carl, Mrs. Albert Ode, Miss Martha Kinn, Miss Charlotte Schwagler, Miss Eleanor Atwater and Mrs. Barnett Goldstein. All present voted the affair a success and expressed a wish for a repetition.

The following officers for the current year have been elected, as follows:— President, Mrs. William Haenszel, 151 W. Utica Street; Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Ode, 5 Andrew Street; Treasurer, Miss Charlotte Schwagler, Ebenezer, N. Y. (re-elected); Secretary, Mrs. Barnett Goldstein, 234 Virginia Street.

The Kicuwa Club was the first to volunteer to help the local committee of the N. A. D., their social netting over \$100 for the entertainment fund.

Rev. H. C. Merrill, of Syracuse, will hold services January 6th, at the Chapel of the Church House, 237 North Street, at 7:30 p.m. He is doing a good work in a quiet and unobtrusive way, laying the foundation of better things to come. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few."

Next attraction of importance to look forward to: December 29th, Watch Night Party for the benefit of the local convention fund, in Banquet Room, Elmwood Music Hall, at Elmwood Avenue and Virginia Street. Games, refreshments and prizes. Admission is fifty cents. A record crowd is expected, as this affair is the only scheduled event in deafdom hereabout. Inasmuch as the object is for a worthy cause, standing room should be at a premium.

December 1st, a new set of officers of No. 40, N. F. S. D., were elected as follows: President, William Smith; Vice-President, William Klein; Secretary, Frank H. Krahling; Treasurer, Eric H. Molin; Sergeant-at-Arms, Henry Zink. It is of passing interest to remark that in landing the Sergeant-at-Arms rank, Mr. Zink has held practically every position from President down, also positions of trustee and director. It is always a pleasure to commend such versatile and enthusiastic spirit, and the future of the N. F. S. D. is safe when persons are willing to give unselfishly of their time to its service as exemplified in the career of Mr. Zink.

Thomas Hunt, accompanied by Messrs. Rataciak, Connor and Murphy, motored in his new Ford sedan to Syracuse last month, to attend the Syracuse-Colgate football game. They were guests of Thomas Hinchey, a former Buffalonian, while in the saline city. They say they broke the record on the return trip, but we are not sure of the exact time made.

Mrs. Arthur LeBar and children, of Niagara Falls, expect to spend the Christmas week-end at her former home in Syracuse.

Walter Carl, who has been putting in time during the shut-down of the Fisher Body Co., on the farm of his father-in-law, at Kenmore, is back at work again.

CHARLES N. SNYDER.

IN DIXIELAND

Corbett Lewis, of Greensboro, N. C., and Miss Ruth Vick were married at Durham, N. C., on November 28th. Rev. R. C. Fortune performed the ceremony. The newlyweds will make their future home in Greensboro, where Mr. Lewis holds a responsible position.

The Durham Division, N. F. S. D., held its annual election in December. The selection of officers to serve next year resulted in the election as follows: Harris, President; Pope, Vice-president; Vestal, Secretary; and Nichols, Treasurer. Messrs. Edmondson and Williams were appointed Trustees. This Division will hold its public installation of officers on January 5th. Refreshments will be served.

Miss Zillah Hawkins, of Barnesville and Atlanta, Ga., who graduated at the Southern School of Printing at Nashville, Tenn., in November, is now holding down a good job with the Barber Printing Company, of Winston-Salem, N. C. She is a linotype operator and proof-reader.

Miss Thelma Swain, of Adairsville, Ga., has been spending some time in Atlanta, the guest of Miss Gwen Robinson.

Bill Buchanan, of South Carolina, and Miss Bessie Cox, of Greensboro, N. C., were married very quietly at Danville, Va., on November 17th. The ceremony was performed by a Justice of the Peace. Mr. Buchanan is employed in Greensboro and they will be located at that place for the present.

The Atlanta D. A. D. Chapter will hold a called meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening, December 15th, to select a Chairman to take charge of all arrangements for next year's double convention. With the opening of the New Year, this committee experts to begin to function like clock work, and plan out everything slowly but surely for the big events some time this summer. Dates will be announced later.

The Chief of the North Carolina Bureau of Labor for the Deaf wishes to advise those who are now employed to stay on their jobs closely. If you should change jobs and business does not pick up, you may be among the first to be laid off, because of the priority rule. Thousands of hearing workers are being laid off all over the State. Investigation among these cases, which were physically possible, shows that the deaf are not discriminated against. Those who have stuck to their original jobs for sometime will be rewarded. It is foolish to change jobs at this time. "Stick" to the jobs you have, for the time being at least.

Rumor has it that the wedding bells will ring shortly for a certain young lady of this city, a member of the younger set. The prospective groom is said to hail from the "tar heel" State.

Rev. R. C. Fortune, of Durham, N. C., was recently called to Old Fort, N. C., by the tragic death of his brother, Jeff Fortune. His wife, son and daughter accompanied him. We have no information as to the manner of his tragic death.

Glenn Widenhouse, who has been working in Ohio as a linotype operator for some time past, has accepted a similar position in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Mrs. Tillinghast, of Raleigh, N. C., on December 3d, in honor of her seventy-eighth birthday. A score of deaf people were in attendance and delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Eva Pate, who is interested in her Bible Class at Goldsboro, N. C., is improving very slowly, following her automobile accident while going to Virginia on a visit.

C. L. J.

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"He's true to God who's true to man;
Whenever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

JUST as the JOURNAL had gone to press, the sad announcement of the death of Dr. C. B. Coughlin, Superintendent of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf at Belleville, Canada, was received.

A few months ago he was a visitor at the New York Institution (Fannwood) and we were pleased to meet a gentleman that had for nearly twenty years been engaged in the education of the deaf of one of the greatest of the Dominion Provinces. Hitherto we had known him by name only, and it was a treat to become acquainted with his charming yet serious personality.

His death occurred on the 10th of December, and as far as we have learned was quite unexpected.

He was host, at the Institution over which he presided, to the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, in the year 1923, and all who attended have words of praise for the hospitality of the Belleville School.

This year, in August, he attended the Conference of Principals and Superintendents at Knoxville, Tenn. and his colleagues at the gathering in the South will be shocked and grieved at his untimely taking off.

IT SEEMS to be a custom of some of our deaf friends to "make a kick" about the delay in receiving the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL. Last week it was mailed half a day earlier than usual, and every week without exception it goes to the post office at exactly the same hour—noon on Wednesdays.

At this season it is unreasonable to expect the paper on time, as thousands of extra clerks and other help are temporarily employed to handle the glut of mail matter that the Christmas and New Year holidays inevitably bring.

There is delay and confusion everywhere, and joy and good-will should prevent impatience instead of causing it.

AMONG the many Christmas Greetings sent to the Editor of the JOURNAL were one or two containing sentiment and Christmas cheer expressed in original poetry. Here is one from our old-time friend, George Moredock Teegarden, signed as usual T. G. Arden:—

Now is the season of good cheer—
Here's to my friends a wish sincere:

May blessings true on you descend;
May Love and Truth on you attend,
So may your cup of life be filled
With joy and ne'er a drop be spilled.

May all your days be bright and fair,
A-showering gladness everywhere;
And may your Yule-tide season be
Brimmed o'er with sweetest memory.

This issue completes Volume Fifty-Seven of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL. Next week we begin the fifty-eighth year, and as the "barker" says, it will be bigger, brighter, and better than ever, so be sure you get the full volume of weekly issues, and you will know what is doing in the world of the deaf.

The Capital City

Rev. Mr. Tracy was home and his Sunday sermon of December 16th was on "The Incarnation of Jesus Christ." He said in part: "The Christmas season is the time especially when we should try to make others happy."

Mrs. Merton Galloway entertained the Guild at her cosy apartment on the night of December 4th. An enjoyable time was spent. Light refreshments were served. Mrs. Galloway is a chairman hostess and is the vice-president of the Guild. Mr. Galloway has a good position at Kahn & Sons. His mother is living with them. She can talk in signs.

Mrs. Grace Ballard, who has been in poor health for some time, was seen at the St. Barnabas' service of December 16th. Her younger daughter was with her.

The other day, one of the JOURNAL readers in Illinois sent in a request for Christmas gift suggestions. Well, we have that same problem ourselves. The Gallaudet College faculty have received greetings from Mrs. Nelson & Park, of Honduras. She likes it here very much.

Rev. A. D. Bryant is ill at home with the "flu." He has been ill for three weeks.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Grace Davis, of Detroit, whose mother passed away in Massachusetts recently.

Mr. Robert Floyd, of Raleigh, N. C., is in this city, holding a "sub" position at the Times office. He likes this city.

At its December meeting, Miss Edith Nelson, teacher and librarian of Gallaudet College, was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Gallaudet Alumni Association, of which Mr. E. J. Maczkowski resigned.

Saturday, December 22d to Tuesday, December 25th, are proclaimed holidays by President Coolidge for the Government employees. Many deaf left this city for their homes to spend the holidays. Mr. Walter Hauser left for North Carolina to spend his holidays with his sister.

The social of St. Barnabas' Mission of December 12th was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Tracy, instead of at the Parish House. The hearing congregation had their big bazaar and dinner on that night. Odd games were indulged in and it was under the direction of our own Gerald Ferguson, who is so jolly. He knows how to make them laugh. Hot chocolate and wafers were served.

The "Lit" was held at the Masonic Temple on the night of December 19th. Rev. Mr. Warren M. Smaltz, of Philadelphia, was on the program to give a talk. But a telegram received stating he was ill with influenza.

Mrs. H. L. Tracy took his place and gave a talk on "Christmas Celebrations in the South."

A dialogue of "Western-Eastern," was given by Messrs. John Flood and Zimmerman. Miss Ruth Leitch was appointed Secretary of the "Lit" in place of Mr. Thomas Wood, who resigned.

A letter came here recently from Jandener, Mass., stating that Mrs. L. Douglas's daughters, Gertrude and Jessie, are teaching. Bessie teaches at Dorchester High School, where Rev. Mr. Light received his high school work before he went to Gallaudet College. Mrs. Douglas raveled to Hawaii last April and returned September 1st. She enjoyed her trips.

Mr. Ashto, who lives near the Douglasses, enjoys the Capital City etters. He was at Gallaudet College for three years. President Coolidge's father had a deaf cousin who went to Old Hartford. The brothers of this deaf cousin lived across the street from where the Douglasses lived.

A hearty "thank you" to the Detroit Association of the Deaf for their kind remembrance of the writer with a Christmas greeting.

Rev. A. D. Bryant was detained at home with a cold. Mrs. Roy Stewart gave a talk on "Esther" on Sunday evening, December 16th. Mrs. W. P. Souder rendered "Nearer, My God, To Thee."

Archie S. Burgess, twenty-six, a deaf-mute, of Pennsylvania Avenue, Mapleside, died Wednesday morning, the 21st of November, at the Alleghany Hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks. Mr. Burgess is survived by his wife, Anna Burgess, and son, and by two brothers, William and John Burgess, one sister, Mrs. Alex Rosen, of Spartansburg, S. C. His mother, Mrs. Mary A. Burgess, also survives him. The funeral was held at Stein's Chapel on the 23d, with interment in Rose Hill Cemetery. The above news was published in the Cumberland daily papers, West Virginia.

MRS. C. C. COLBY.

Granulated honey isn't "just sugar." The purer the honey is the more likely it is to granulate.

A single teaspoonful of soil may contain, in living bacteria, more living inhabitants than the whole United States.

No expression of the human spirit is quite so fine as the commendation of good work while success is still in the distance.

South Dakota

The Olson brothers returned home to Sioux Falls last October 20th from Aberdeen, where they completed the finishing work of two hospitals, a three-family apartment and another seven-family apartment, the past two years. They stopped in Watertown over night, en route home by auto.

After working some weeks in Sioux Falls, they heard that finishing work started in Yankton Sacred Heart Hospital. They autoed over there and secured jobs and helped in building up foundations on the north wing which will be erected this winter—three stones high.

A wedding took place two weeks ago. Carl Hegdahl, of Howard, and Miss Rosina Diegel, a 1928 graduate of Roscoe, were happily married at Redfield, by a Congregational minister. Mr. Ervine Smith and Miss Ida Albrect were the witnesses.

Sunday afternoon, December 2d, a party was held at the G. E. Daniels place, Sioux Falls, when a large number of deaf gathered there to honor them. Nice refreshments were served. A good sum was taken by collection and presented Mr. and Mrs. Hegdahl.

Mr. Hegdahl reported of having had a bachelor's life for five years on farm and was glad to say good-bye to the single blessedness. They live six miles east of Howard.

P. L. Dalgaard, of Harrisburg, is all smiles nowadays because he recently got the lease of a 320-acre farm with good buildings near Sherman, about thirty-five miles northeast of Sioux Falls. He will move there with his family March 1st.

Joseph Sewald, Sioux Falls, autoed in his new Whippet Coach to Dell Rapids, to see Ole Evans on business, Sunday, December 9th. Edw. Byrnes and Oscar Overdick accompanied him.

Mrs. E. P. Olson, since her return from Sanator, early in the summer, made an extended visit with relatives and friends in Iowa and Wisconsin, the rest of summer. Her son, Wallace, accompanied her, but she left him with her mother in Iowa when going to Wisconsin. They returned to Sioux Falls in September.

Rev. Homer Grace, of Denver, Col., was in Sioux Falls, November 26th, to give a sermon at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Rev. Mappes, of Omaha, was in Sioux Falls on his monthly visit, Sunday, November 25th, and the place of assembly was changed to State School auditorium, because a larger number of deaf live on the east side of the river.

The annual election of officers of Sioux Falls Division, No. 74, N. F. S. D., took place Saturday evening, December 1st. President, James Jones; Vice-President, P. A. Bathke; Secretary, C. H. Loucks, re-elected; Treasurer, Joseph Sewald, re-elected; Director, Lamont Brush; Sergeant-at-Arms, Grant E. Daniels.

Mrs. Garrison, wife of our H. H. Garrison, of North St. Paul, Minn., died on September 28th, at a sanitarium in Minneapolis. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Garrison from South Dakota friends.

The following is quoted from a recent issue of the Minnesota Companion: "Mr. Garrison, who was hit and knocked down by an auto, finds his right arm is still in a bad way and will sue for damages."

Milton Wright, aged eighty-five years, forty-three-year resident of Rowena, twelve miles east of Sioux Falls, is dead. He died a week after the passing of H. W. Simpson and his burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Sioux Falls, where Unity Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of which he was a member, was in charge. Mr. Wright was a brother of Mrs. Thomas H. Jewell, whose former husband, James Simpson, was for twenty-four years superintendent of our school.

Mrs. Weber Wade (Lillian Berke) and child, of National City, Cal., were in Sioux Falls three weeks last fall, at the John Zimmer home. Mrs. Wade is a sister of Mrs. Zimmer. He also visited her aged mother at Montrose, Saturday, October 26th, she left on her homeward trip. A few days before she left, the local deaf, about twenty in number, gave her a party at the Zimmer home. As a token of esteem, she was presented with a metal mesh handbag.

Last October, Abel Sylliaasen, of Mission Hill, made a brief visit to the Black Hills. The Black Hills country has attractions of some kind. The he trip in his new Chevrolet coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Skorheim, of Huron, were in Sioux Falls, Wednesday, October 17th, on their way to Canton, to attend the funeral of Oscar's grandmother.

The middle of October, Mrs. Francis C. Gueffroy and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Daniels, Sioux Falls. Mrs. Gueffroy said that she is pleased with her new location at Madison, where her husband secured a position as linotype operator on the Daily Sentinel. He resigned his job at Dumont, Ia.

On their auto trip to Yankton last month, Olson Brothers visited Davis, thirty-three miles southwest of Sioux Falls, where a tornado leveled the town not long ago. A niece of the Sylliaasen brothers was among the death toll.

Shortly after the convention last June, Anna Kimmell, of Garretson,

went to Canada to visit and returned home last September.

Mrs. I. M. Robinson and son, of Akron, O., after attending her state convention at Sioux Falls last June, made an extended visit with her parents and relatives in the Brant Lake country and returned home last September.

Abel Sylliaasen autoed to Sioux Falls Saturday, December 1st, to attend the annual election of officers of Sioux Falls Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Mueller moved to Yankton from Sioux City last spring, as Aug was laid off the Sioux City Daily Tribune office. He secured a position as night linotype operator on the Yankton Daily Press.

Sunday, November 25th, Mr. and Mrs. Aug Mueller autoed to Sioux City on business and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Proberts. In the afternoon they all autoed to Sargent Bluffs to visit Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Good. The Muellers returned home Monday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos G. Parks (Mrs. Jesse Johnson), married at the convention last June, are living in an apartment at Kiester, Ia., where Amos, with his father, conducts a dairy business.

Ray Wright, of Yankton, came to Sioux Falls, Sunday, December 2d, to attend the party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hegdahl. He returned home in his Chevrolet coach. He recently bought a new Hartley-Davidson motorcycle which he needs in going to work.

Before Thanksgiving Day, he was again given charge of a carload poultry shipped to New York City. He visited many different places without meeting a deaf-mute.

Mr. and Mrs. Skorheim are proud parents. A stork left them a baby last June.

There were four graduates of our school last June. They are Misses Agatha C. Kindopp, Kennebec; Lilia S. Lakson, Fruitdale; Bessie I. Rankin, Hazel; Rosine Diegel, Roscoe. Miss Diegel is now Mrs. Carl Hegdahl. She recently got married and lives at Howard.

Charles Dore, an ex-pupil of our school, is a married man now, having selected a Miss Ruth Reid, of North Dakota. They got married in Chicago last Spring and they live at Hibbing, Minn.

Mrs. Archie R. McAllister (Gladys Jensen), of Farmingdale, recently returned home from her land inspection in Montana.

Last September James H. Noble, of Mitchell, when out in the pasture after the cows, was attacked by a bull. He was hurled to the ground and was about to be trampled on when "Old Bob" (the family dog) made a flying leap. Mr. Noble was hurried to a hospital in Mitchell, where it was found that his injuries were slight.

Miss Margaret Claude, formerly of Minnesota, lives in Canton. Her father manages the "Star Cafe" there.

Iver Olson, a product of Faribault, Minn., school, is working at Federal Bakery at Sioux Falls as a cake baker.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

EDWARD P. OLSON.

OREGON

The evening of December 8th, saw a good crowd of deaf people in the basement of the Hope Lutheran Church, where the N. F. S. D. No. 41 entertained for the birthday anniversary of Dr. Thomas H. Gallaudet. Several good speeches on the character of such a famous man were given, with the lantern slides conducted by Mr. R. Spieler. Everyone went home hugely satisfied with the excellent refreshments they served.

The engagement of Miss Daisy Morrison to Mr. Edwin Johnson is announced. They would not let the cat get out of the bag as to the date of their wedding day.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kautz and their daughter, Miss Gertrude Durck Glutsch, a popular Portland society girl, are sojourning for five months in the Hawaiian Islands. They left last November on the palatial steamship "Molloy," on which our Mayor Baker and many prominent society folks went. Miss Glutsch took her car along.

At the Hope Lutheran Church, Rev. Eichmann conducted a service, December 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young, Miss R. Gerlach and Miss J. Whitman were confirmed.

Mr. Royal Cooke is taking a month's vacation before starting back to his old job. He has just been recuperating from a critical illness, which confined him in the Portland Hospital for several weeks.

The Northwest Chapter of the National O. W. L. S., a secret organization for only the Gallaudet women, which has been in existence for nearly thirty-five years, will meet with Miss Ethel Newman in Vancouver in January. Bridge will be the diversion.

After thinking it a wise policy to own a home, Oscar Anderson and his alluring wife abandoned the house they rented and bought a new home out near Greeley Cutoff. They are to be congratulated, for most every deaf person in Portland owns his home. They have an attractive little boy.

The deaf frolickers are expecting a great moment of their lives when the Frats will stage a watch party in a downtown hall, Shisky Building, December 31st, under the capable management of Mr. Courtland Greenwald and his able assistants, Mr. Charlie Lynch and Mr. Van Eman. It has been whispered around that a cabaret dancer will be there.

Dr. Olof Hanson held his usual service for the deaf at the Trinity Cathedral, December 23d.

OREGONIAN.

CHICAGO

The Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf celebrated its fourth birthday with a banquet at Occidental Hall, December 9th, some fifty plates being laid. Their president, Louis Wolack, was toastmaster. Among the toasts were Hal Keasal, who was their first president, and Louis Ruskin, also the only guest, Mrs. J. Meagher—who was included because of the lecture she delivered before the organization last winter. Lewis, of Milwaukee, was the lone out-of-town present. The banquet was followed by "500" boxes of bonbons being prizes.

Since the Silent A. C. is no longer available for silent socials, the annual New Year's "open house" and public installation of officers of the two local frat divisions, will not be held this year. Instead, the officers of No. 1 will be inducted at the regular business meeting in the Capitol Building, Friday night, January 4th.

The Chicago American of December 7th had a picture of Mrs. Lena Micknam, testifying before Judge Gemmill, who awarded her a divorce.

That most notorious Illinoisian, Eddie Sullivan—lately released from a long term in the United States penitentiary on McNeil's Island, Washington State—is back in town. (P. S.—Let us deliver a vehement denial to the baseless canard that our admiring populace met him at the station with a brass band).

The Wisconsin State School team for the deaf triumphed over the Milwaukee Silent Club team in a basket ball game in the school gymnasium at Delavan, Wis., Saturday night, by a score of 20 to 17. At the end of half, the count stood 11 to 12 in favor of the visitors, but the State team forged ahead in the second period. The Milwaukee team has already won eight of nine games. It is anticipated that the Chicago Wish Bone team will have plenty opposition to confront them when they come here January 5th.

Ralph Weber, manager and coach of the Chicago Wish Bone team, announces that the Milwaukee Silent Club basket-ball team will come here Saturday January 5th, from Milwaukee, Wis., to play the team at Lincoln Turner Hall, Diversey Boulevard and Sheffield Avenue. The contest will begin at 8 o'clock, followed by dance.

Alfred Baer brought to the pastor of the Chicago Methodist Mission a letter of transfer from the pastor of the All Angels' Church for the Deaf. He was confirmed by Bishop Manning at St. Ann's Church, New York City, in 1923. His folks belong to the Methodist Church, and have desired this change of church relationship.

Mrs. Charles Kemp is laid up at home. Dismounting from a trolley, she stepped into a hole in the pavement.

Miss Marie Callison, Kellogg, Iowa, is spending two months here with relatives.

Helen, the young daughter of the Jesse Watermans, is reported engaged to Frank Chalowski. Her father is the man tradition styles "father of the frat."

Ann McGann managed a "500" and bunco at the Pas-a-Pas Club, on the 10th of December, while the Yanizito sisters served grub.

San Diego newspapers state Grant Martin, the brother of our Mrs. Ingal Dahl, won second prize in a "treasure hunt" on the beach there, in which 18,000 persons took part. His prize was a \$130 radio, which he gave to his two little girls for Christmas.

A special all-important meeting of the Silent Athletic Club (the first one to report a quorum in a blue moon) was held on the 15th, with an attendance of 91 members. It is unofficially said the meeting voted to back house manager, John D. Sullivan, in his attempts to unload the property on an organization of negro porters, as combination club house and stopover bunkery. It is well to dispose of the once historic edifice immediately, as it is completely engulfed by the rising tide of color, and several silents attending socials there have been knifed and robbed by negroes.

Mrs. Ben Frank entertained eight ladies to dinner and "500" on the fifteenth. Miss Goldie Newman and Mrs. Morton Henry won the prizes.

Mrs. Ladislav Cherry, the beautiful dancing doll of the Frats' Silver Jubilee, is confined to her mother's house. The aux-frats gave her a lovely fern.

A large number of colds and influenza are reported among school

children as well as the deaf children of the Ephpheta school and school for oral deaf. Nurses are working hard to keep the trouble in check. Parents are cautious to heed the first warning of a cold in their children.

Mrs. Joe Miller gave a birthday party for Edward Knobloch on the 8th. Attendance around fifty.

After the monthly meeting of K. L. D. at the Ephpheta Club house, Sunday, December 16th, at 4 P. M., in the evening the members enjoyed viewing a eight-reel movie, which showed some films of outings and picnics held in the past summer and others.

Chicago Division, No. 106, held a monthly business meeting at the Banquet Hall, Atlantic Hotel, Friday, December 14th, in combination with girls' auxiliary. After that both boys and girls indulged in social conversation.

Mrs. Celia A. Rode came from Denver, Col., last Saturday, to spend the winter at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Clark, also deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes returned home to Batavia, Ill., this week, after their stay of two weeks with their relatives here, as John was unable to find a job.

Mrs. Pat. O'Brien, in company with her oldest son, were called to Madison, Wis., last Saturday, by the serious condition of her mother, who has been bedfast for years.

All the deaf clubs and societies each will hold a watch-night social at each one's club-room and clubhouse Monday, December 31st, to say a last good-bye to the old year.

There has been no Sunday service at the chapel of Ephpheta clubhouse, as Father O'Brien is in a hospital in Oak Park, Ill., sick with flu.

THIRD FLAT.

427 S. Robey Street.

Only a Cork

Corks are so cheap and so common, that every child who reads this lesson can get a cork to handle and to look at. Let us try with a penholder to keep a cork down at the bottom of a glass of water. It is very hard to do this; for the cork is very much lighter than its bulk of water, and so it is always trying to rise to the top.

Men who go out in life-boats wear canvas belts filled with pieces of cork. If the boat should be upset, the cork is so light that it would help the men to float, and save them from drowning.

Squeeze a cork between your fingers. You can easily compress it, or make it smaller. But when you take your fingers away, the cork springs out to its old size and shape. Things that do this are called elastic.

Because cork is elastic, it makes good stoppers for bottles. The cork ought to be just a little larger than the neck of the bottle. We force the cork into the neck of the bottle, and it presses against the sides of it, and fits it exactly.

But what is cork? Cork is the outer bark of a kind of oak-tree, which grows in the south of Europe. It is an evergreen oak—that is, it is always covered with green leaves. It grows to a height of thirty or forty feet.

The bark of the cork tree is first stripped off its trunk when the tree is about thirty years old. This bark is very rough and full of cracks. It is called virgin cork, and it is used to decorate green-houses and flower-boxes.

The bark soon grows again on the tree; and after ten years it is stripped off again. This time it is of a rather better quality. After this, the bark is taken off every eight or ten years. The best cork is got from trees that are about fifty years old.

The cork is taken from the trees in large sheets, or planks, as they are called. These are scraped well, and are slightly burnt in order to close the pores or tiny holes, and so kill any insects that may be in them.

The planks are then flattened out under heavy stones, after which they are boiled, and dried in the sun. In this state the sheets of cork are sent to our country; and here they are cut up with sharp knives into any shape that may be wanted.

Other trees would be killed if we were to strip off their bark, but the cork oak-tree seems to grow all the better for it. If its bark is not taken off, the tree dies when it is about sixty years of age; but trees that have been regularly stripped live to the age of about one hundred and fifty years.—The Canadian.

Making Fur Out Of Wool

A newly invented process, whereby certain kinds of fleeces not well adapted to spinning can be manufactured into a rich furlike material which is supposed to present a valuable hygienic advantage over skin furs for clothing, because the material is mounted on a wool foundation, is reported by Consul General T. W. Sammons from Australia. The inventor claims that the material has an excellent appearance, that it is suitable for all purposes for which fur is utilized and for clothing where the utmost warmth, the least weight and the maximum of protection are demanded.—Ex.

OHIO

With Christmas only a few days off and getting our pupils fixed for home going December 21st, we have had little time to collect news for our letter. On the 19th, the pupils will enjoy a Christmas party and a visit from Santa Claus. Most of the pupils will go home for the holidays, but a few will be deprived of that privilege, on account of the expense of such trips.

Mr. Jacob Showalter chose this season for his vacation so he could sample the southern climate, and left last week for Alabama to visit his son and family at Auburn, where Dr. Ben. R. Showalter holds the responsible position of State Supervisor of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Dr. Showalter hopes to take his father down into Florida while enjoying his vacation.

Sunday the 13th, found us the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Beckert in their new car and we found the former an expert handler of the wheel. We called at the Ohio Home, where we found everything moving smoothly under the new management. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were found at their new home in Westerville, where they are taking things easy. A stop was made to see Mrs. George Clum, who is quite ill again. As Miss MacGregor was with us, we drove to Grove City to see her safely home.

Miss MacGregor leaves December 22d for Chicago, where she will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts over Sunday and then be met by her sister, Jean, and the two sisters will spend Christmas and a few days together. Chicago is the half way place between them, so there they meet.

After December 22d, Miss Cloa Lamson will make her home with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Chapman, at 66 W. Park Street, Westerville, about 14 miles north of Columbus. In this travelling back and forth to her school daily, no one knows what ideas may pop into this energetic lady's head. We all know whatever ideas, some will be for the good of the deaf.

Oh, no, Maverick of Texas—no emperor has been behind the E. M. G. Fund drive in Ohio, but an empress has been at the head.

The S. S. C. girls had a delightful Christmas party, December 15th, in the art studio at the school. The new members were initiated, much to the merriment of the old members and guests. A nice lunch was served and this was followed by ice-cream and cake. The trustees, Miss E. Zell, Mr. A. Ohlemacher and Miss B. Edgar, were present, as were also Mrs. Ohlemacher, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Ella Zell and Mr. Ernest Zell.

Following the initiation, Santa Claus with a bag of presents, entered and caused all to rush forward to greet him (?). Each received a present of some kind to keep as a reminder of the very pleasant party.

January 19th will be a gala night for the Columbus Frats when they have their mid-winter social at Woodman Hall. Admission will be twenty-five cents. Lunch and ice-cream will be on sale, and caps, balloons, confetti, etc., will be given away. A large crowd is expected.

The Dayton Ladies' Aid Society will have a social some time in February, to help the film booth fund at the Home. At a meeting, December 9th, at Mrs. Stephen Miller's home, the following officers for 1929 were elected: Mrs. Emma Ingraham, President; Mrs. Ella Himel-spaugh, Vice-President; Mrs. Ethel Deavers, Secretary; Mrs. Clara R. Munday, Treasurer; Mrs. Mamie Schmoll, Custodian.

Mr. Carl Stevens' Christmas gift arrived December 7th, in the form of a fine baby boy, and the father is delighted. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Mr. Stevens is employed at the Delco Light Co. plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alby Peterson, of Dayton, entertained delightfully a few of their friends one evening. Games were played and were much enjoyed. A tray containing articles for a gentleman's smoking outfit was placed before the ladies to name each article. Mrs. N. J. Snyder was able to correctly name all and won the prize. This means, we surmise, that Mr. Snyder is a smoker. Then a tray containing ladies' toilet articles was put before the men present to name each article, and Mr. I. Barry Taylor won in this. 'Tis said that he is a regular lady's man and has kept his eyes open always to see how such articles were used. A delicious spread was enjoyed and all left late, feeling well repaid for their visit to the Petersons. Each took away a souvenir of the evening, which was fished from a fish pond.

Miss Rachel Gleason, teacher of sewing at the Ohio school, was taken ill suddenly with appendicitis Sunday and removed to Grant Hospital the next day, where an operation was performed Tuesday.

Mr. John Fryfogle was called to his home Tuesday, December 18th, on account of the serious illness of his aged father.

Editor Hodgson's editorial in the JOURNAL of December 13th was a fine one and the deaf of this locality think he hit the nail squarely on the head. It is not methods but results that tell in educating the deaf.

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NEW YORK

News items for this column should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

The Men's Club of St. Ann's Church held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday evening, December 20th, and had a spirited election of officers. Mr. Anthony C. Reiff was re-elected president by the close margin of one vote over Edward Carr, one of the rising young men of the club. Other officers chosen were Harry Holmes, Vice-President; Victor Anderson, Secretary; and William Wren, Treasurer. The Board of Trustees is composed of Messrs. Alfred C. Stern, William Renner and Dr. Edwin Nies.

Among other business transacted, the Men's Club donated \$5 to the United Hospitals' fund, \$10 to the church decorations fund, and sent a card of greeting with a dollar enclosed to each of the twenty-eight residents at the Gallaudet Home.

The Women's Parish Aid Society likewise had their meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year. Results were: Miss Virginia B. Gallaudet, President; Miss Myra L. Barrager, Vice-President; Mrs. Wanda Burke, Secretary; and Mrs. Lydia Rappolt, Treasurer.

Donations of \$5 for the United Hospitals and of \$10 for the church decoration fund were also made by the society.

The Annual Christmas Festival of St. Ann's Church comes off on Thursday, December 27th.

On Thursday evening, December 20th, the Deaf-Mutes' Union League held its regular business meeting. The attendance was the largest in the history of the organization—153 registered. At the meeting, three new members were elected, and six applications for membership received.

The Entertainment Committee submitted their reports, through Chairman Benjamin Friedwald, of two previous entertainments, then submitted to the members the next affair to be held on Saturday evening, January 5th, 1929, at the New York Turn Hall, Lexington Avenue and 85th Street. This will be the forty-third anniversary of the founding of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, and the committee stated it would be suitably celebrated in the form of a beefsteak dinner and special entertainment.

The house-furnishing committee, through Chairman Samuel Frankenheim, submitted their report. The total expenses for furnishing the new hall has cost so far over \$2,000. After the meeting, the election for new officers for the year 1929 took place, with the following result:

President, Samuel Frankenheim; First Vice-President, Emanuel Souweine; Second Vice-President, Joseph Sturtz; Secretary, Nathan Schwartz; Treasurer, Anthony Capelle; Board of Governors, Marcus L. Kenner, Benjamin Friedwald and John N. Funk.

SUBSTITUTED FOR DEAF BOY

Surrogate Wingate in Brooklyn today submitted to District Attorney Dodd a report on the handling of the estate of Mrs. Stefania Mikos, who died several months ago leaving two insurance policies, one for \$1,033, payable to her estate and the other for \$486 payable to her son, Michael, sixteen, a deaf-mute.

Surrogate Wingate also recommended that the District Attorney submit the case to the Grand Jury.

In his report Surrogate Wingate stated that after the death of Mrs. Mikos, who was a widow, John J. Mayer, an undertaker of No. 97 Berry Street, obtained appointment as guardian of the boy Michael, and as administrator to the estate and that in obtaining these appointments he presented at the Surrogate's office a boy purported to be Michael and who claimed to live at No. 97 Berry Street. The Surrogate in his report states that the boy who appeared was able to talk and that the signature on the application which Michael is alleged by Mayer to have signed is different from the one given the Surrogate by Michael as a sample. Wingate also states that Michael is an inmate of St. Joseph's Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb and that he never lived at the Berry Street address.

Surrogate Wingate's report also states that when Mayer made his accounting of the estate his statement showed that the funeral expenses, including a casket charged at \$675—which had a wholesale price of \$375—wiped out all of the estate except \$60.

The Surrogate also submitted to Dodd a statement that the boy had denied ever visiting the Surrogate's office or ever signing any paper whatsoever.—Evening World, Dec. 11.

The Deaf Mutes Union League's Mardi Gras Carnival on Saturday night, December 15th, was the closing climax of the series of entertainments given during the year. A record attendance was also attained. All who attended were given fancy paper caps, confetti and streamers. The readers can better imagine that the three hundred or more were busy with their streamers and confetti. It took the custodian long into the night to sweep out the floors of the five rooms and also the stairs, excepting the part that crept into the clothes of many. Except for the duration of half an hour or so, when all the lights went out, the affair was a howling success, so all who attended declared.

There was plenty of dancing to orchestral music, and every one was merry.

DETROIT

News items intended for this column should be sent to Mrs. Lucy E. May, 2534 Ottawa St., Detroit, Mich. Such news items from Detroiters and vicinity as well as from the deaf of Michigan will be most welcome and have prompt attention.

A house warming party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Kenney at his new residence, on Sunday afternoon till midnight, December 8th, by Mr. and Mrs. George Davies and Mr. and Mrs. William Greenbaum. Miss Grace Davis gave a short talk about Mr. and Mrs. Kenney, then all asked Tom to give a talk, too. He started his home in a hut on the same lot, which was swampy, but today is a fine residential street. Then they remodeled it into a swell house. The Detroit deaf made up a purse of \$81.00, and presented it to Mr. and Mrs. Kenney.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Davies, Mr. and Mrs. William Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Góth, Mrs. Mae Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. May, and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Waters and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hellers, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Liddy, of Windsor, Can.; Mr. and Mrs. Llyod Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott, Mrs. Clarney Senowa, Mr. McLaren, Mrs. Anna Garvey, of Iowa; Mr. Eugene Verrett, Mr. Archie Nerred, Mrs. Annabel Rutherford and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beaver, Miss Emma Ricker, Mr. Crutcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. T. Berry, Mr. Louis Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Stutsman, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tripp, of Flint, Mich.; also Miss Mildred Trine, Mr. Albert C. Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hannan, Mr. and Mrs. Engelbrecht, Mr. and Mrs. James Deutsman, Miss Mary Krokos, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Huhn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hull, Mrs. Frances Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Orenstein, Mrs. John Hellers, Mrs. Wella Blett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gottsworth, Mrs. Irma Ryan, Mrs. Fred Affeldt, Mr. and Mrs. Koehler, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Buby and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Heymanson, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. William Behrendt and daughter, Mr. M. Krohngold, Miss Malitida Stark, Mrs. Elizabeth Smythe and Mr. and Mrs. Dahn.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Kenney. Mr. Joe Pratt, who has been in the Harper Hospital since December 4th, underwent an operation for appendicitis and gall bladder. He is doing nicely at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gottsworth, of Grasse Isle, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hellers for a few days.

The Ephpheta Episcopal Mission of the Deaf, of St. John's Church, held its meeting and elected new officers for the year of 1929, Saturday evening, with Rev. F. C. Smielau, of Cleveland, Ohio, in the chair. The officers and board of trustees are as follows: R. V. Jones, President; A. C. Buxton, Vice-President; Mrs. William Behrendt, Secretary; Mr. Meck, Treasurer and Mrs. Affeldt, Mr. Otto Buby and Mrs. Lucy E. May, as Board of Trustees.

Rev. F. C. Smielau gave a sermon and Holy Communion in St. John's Chapel, Sunday morning. After the sermon, Secretary Mr. Ford took pictures of all deaf church goers and the outside, as if it was done by a movie operator.

Mrs. Cannon, of Akron, O., is visiting the Friday family.

The D. A. D. held a movie at its hall Saturday evening, December 8th. A good crowd turned out to see it.

Mr. John G. T. Berry, of Akron, O., gave a talk on Dr. Gallaudet's birthday at the Fraternal Club. A crowd was there to listen.

Mrs. Frances Chapman will leave this coming Saturday for somewhere near Baton Rouge, La., to be a guest of her son-in-law's family.

The Ladies' Guild of Ephpheta Mission had a meeting at St. John's Parish House, on December 6th, and elected new officers as follows: President, Mrs. Frances McSparin; Vice-President, Mrs. Horace Waters; Secretary, Mrs. Lucy May; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Behrendt. Board of Trustees have not been chosen yet.

A Christmas tree party will be held at St. John's on December 21st, Friday evening. Parents and children are invited to come. Mrs. May Howe is the chairman.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Frats held a meeting and elected new officers as follows: President, Mrs. Abbie Koehler; First Vice-President, Mrs. Nellie Kenney; Second Vice-President, Mrs. George Davies; Secretary, Mrs. Lucy May; Sergeants, Mrs. Peter Hellers and Mrs. William Rheiner.

On December 22d, the Frat Club of the Deaf will have a feather party. Everybody is welcome. On December 23d, there will be a big Christmas tree. Mr. Ivan Heymanson and Mr. Peter Hellers are acting as chairmen.

Miss Lillian Sheahan's sister fell down just two steps and her leg was badly hurt. Abscess set in and the doctor lanced it. She is getting better now.

Martin Cichocki underwent an operation for appendicitis one month ago. He is able to go to work now.

A watch night party for New Year's will be given at Frat Club on December 31st. Everybody is welcome.

The Ladies' Guild will have a social St. John's Parish House on January 4th. Everybody is welcome.

Mrs. Oxtoby fell down the basement at the home of her friend and broke her wrist and collarbone. She is confined at her son's home.

Mrs. Sproull, of Kalamazoo, is in this city, and is keeping house for Mrs. Charles Brown. Mrs. Charles Brown has not recovered from her operation last year. But we hope she will recover as soon as she can get much rest.

Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Lucy May.

SEATTLE

An additional reason for her friends to feel thankful the week-end of Thanksgiving, was that it brought a brief visit from Miss Alice Wilberg, who got down from Portland by bus Friday evening, going back the following Sunday. With her customary hospitality, Alice called together as many of her friends as she could get word to on short notice, and had a party the evening of December 1st, in the beautiful new home of her parents. It fronts on Woodland Park, and is so conveniently designed and tastefully furnished that all were interested in going over it. It being Frats night, the men of the party did not show up till after the meeting, and as soon as they appeared, the company sat down to one of Alice's delicious and satisfying spreads. All were sorry her visit was so brief.

Thanksgiving Day passed off with the usual turkey dinners served at home, and many families had guests to dine with them. The Hansons had Mrs. Laura Foster, and Messrs. La Motte, Bronson and Christensen.

Emil Runge is now back in Seattle for good, and he and his father are living at Bryn Mawr, a suburb. Emil's mother remained behind in Los Angeles to attend to the final settling up of their affairs there. Emil himself is waiting to be called to the mattress factory where he had a good job twenty years ago before he left for California.

A sister of Mrs. Joseph Gorman has been making her a long visit, and has been a great help and comfort to her in her increasing blindness.

When Miss Mabel Segel was in Seattle last fall, she slipped and sprained her ankle, and when she got back home to Tacoma, she had to go on crutches. Then one day, they slipped and she broke one of the bones in her left wrist. We think she has had more than her share of mishaps, and hope she is quite over them now.

The Frat election, December 1st, surprised her by dropping in on her the evening of November 27th, in honor of her birthday. Mr. La Motte and John Hood were leading spirits in getting up the affair. Mabel received several fine and valuable gifts, attesting to the regard in which her friends hold her. She is planning to leave the end of the week for Spokane, to spend Christmas with her little boy and her parents. We are glad to say that she will return to Seattle some time after the New Year.

Miss Doris Nation had a little party the evening of December 1st, in her room at St. Teresa's, when she entertained Mrs. Holcombe and Marguerite Gorman. Having started with this first one, she expects to have her other friends in rotation. Doris is a hospitable person, and not happy unless she can have parties for her friends.

The Frat election December 1st resulted in Mr. Bertram being elected president, Mr. Holcombe vice-president, and Mr. Wright secretary.

The Gallaudet Guild dinner party, held on December 2d, was so successful that all who wished to attend could not be accommodated, and several were turned away. The dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. and consisted of turkey and dressing, cranberries and celery, mince and pumpkin pies, and all the other accessories of a turkey dinner. Two tables were set, and Miss Marguerite Gorman proved herself a quick and intelligent helper to Mrs. Hanson in the serving. There were comfortable accommodations for twenty-four, but as there were thirty-two present, the accommodations were accordingly stretched.

Christian Christensen was one of the last comers, and as the silver flatware had given out, he was furnished with a paper fork and a bread knife as tools to help him dispose of his dinner. C. C. however, smiled his good-natured smile and said that he did not mind. After dinner, some helped do up the dishes, prominent among them, as always, being Robert Bronson, while the rest just visited together. The same crowd of young people who were at the card party the previous week were also at the dinner.

An interesting guest at the turkey dinner was Mrs. Nancy C. Kirby, the pensioned widow of a soldier. She resides at the Soldier's Home at Retsil, Wash., and is a sister of Mrs. D. D. Smith. These two small and slender old ladies make an attractive pair, and everyone was interested in them. Mrs. Kirby, like her sister, comes from Pittsburgh, and attended the Western Pennsylvania School many years ago, when it was held in an old farm house at Turtle Creek. Mrs. Kirby returned to Retsil, but has promised to come to Seattle again.

John L. Erickson and A. C. Loes, of Portland, have been for some time in Seattle and neighboring towns, selling needles, having taken out licenses to peddle. They travel about in a car belonging to Mr. Erickson, and the immediate cause of their leaving Portland is that his children are down with scarlet fever and his house is quarantined. He is a laborer, and several years ago was hurt badly in a motor accident, which put him on his back in the hospital for a year. He got some damages from the driver of the other car, who was in fault, but we think not half enough to atone for his long suffering. He attended the Minnesota, and Mr. Loes, the Iowa school. As Mr. McConnell is also an Iowan, he and Mr. Loes have had some long and pleasant talks together.

Mr. C. Christensen is leaving for two weeks to visit his mother at Minden, Neb. He will drive to Oakland in his Willys-Knight, park his car in a garage, and take train for the east, returning shortly after New Years. He is taking with him a handsome electric percolator as a Christmas gift to his mother. He was around to say goodbye, and brought a box of fine chocolate to pass around at the next guild party.

Gallaudet Day was celebrated on December 8th, at the P. S. A. D. meeting, the special program being in charge of L. O. Christensen. After a brief business session, Dr. Hanson talked about Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, giving facts about his life and work for the deaf. An original dialogue followed between Miss Mullin and Mrs. Hanson, in which methods of educating the deaf were discussed. Miss Nation rendered in signs a poem "Gallaudet," and Oscar Sanders closed the program with some general remarks and an endorsement of the E. M. Gallaudet Fund.

Mrs. C. K. McConnell attended the Gallaudet Day exercises wearing a badge of satin ribbon with a picture of T. H. Gallaudet on it and the dates 1781-1887. She had carefully preserved it for forty-one years, since the day when she received it when a pupil at the Minnesota school. She also had a picture which she had preserved since the age of twelve, and which she kindly pinned up on the wall for all to see. It also had a picture of T. H. Gallaudet, with photographs of the first school at Hartford, and of Gallaudet College. These pictures were framed in by the manual alphabet around the edge.

Miss Eva White was married to Mr. Noah Dixon at Tacoma, on December 13th. The bride attended the State School at Vancouver. The groom is a son of Mrs. William Rowland. We know no details of the wedding, but wish the happy couple good luck.

James Scanlon, who some months ago went to San Francisco and obtained work there, is now at home again. He is very glad to be back. Sometimes we have to go away from home and look around to appreciate how fortunate we are to have that home. We are all glad to have James back again.

Dr. Olof Hanson will be ordained priest by Bishop Huston at the 11 o'clock morning service at St. Mark's on January 6th. An effort is being made to secure the attendance of the Rev. Homer E. Grace, of Denver, Col., for the occasion, and those having the matter in charge have hopes of success. Dr. Hanson has passed an examination before the regular examining chaplains, and also one sent him by the bishop on the canons and constitution of the church. He has made his preparatory study in his spare time, as he has had his regular work at the University, as well as his services to the deaf. His ordination to the priesthood is very pleasing to his flock, and to all his friends. He will continue his work at the University after his ordination, but will extend his church work as he finds time and opportunity.

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FLORIDA FLASHES

On Saturday afternoon, November 25th, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Philpott, their daughter Mrs. Buford Knowles, Russell W. Davis and Miss Gracie R. Davis motored to Gainesville, making the trip from St. Cloud in four and a half hours. While there they were house guests of a deaf lady friend over night. Sunday morning deaf visitors began arriving from far and near for the afternoon service at the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Though the cold weather kept the much heralded attendance down, eighteen deaf people weathered the chilling elements to "so run that they might obtain" an incorruptible crown. About as many hearing people were present to behold the gospel delivered in the sign language. The service was interspersed with three following songs: "The Old Rugged Cross," "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "Throw Out the Life Line."

Mr. Philpott chose "World's Series" for his subject and 1 Cor. 9:24 for his text.

He said in part: "Baseball is one of the most popular and thrilling of the outdoor sports, and when the world's series took place in which the Yankees and the Cardinals were participants, record crowds and heart rending contests predominated. So, likewise, life is a game and the plan of salvation

resembles that of a world's series baseball game. The principals in the game are the devil as pitcher, the first baseman as Mr. Scoffer, the second baseman as Mr. Libertine, the third baseman as Mr. Procrastination and the catcher as Mr. Moralist; on the other side you as the batter at the plate, Faith at the first base, Repentance at the second base, Confession at the third base and Baptism at the home plate. God is the great umpire. Whether you win or lose the game, wholly depends upon you, not the devil. The pitcher does not want to walk you. It must be a hit or a fan. Belief in the gospel is a safe hit. If you knock a home run, you must touch all the bases in order to score a run. The game is between you and the devil. It is up to you to win."

The next services will be held in Miami at the White Temple on Sunday, December 23d, and in St. Petersburg at the First Avenue, M. E. Church, December 30th, at 2:30 p.m.

Chas. H. Cory, Jr., was called suddenly to Lima, Ohio, where he reached on November the third, a few hours before his father breathed his last. His death was pronounced to be caused by uremic poisoning. At the time of his earthly departure he was 88 years old. He was funeralized a day or two before the junior returned to St. Petersburg. The sincerest condolences are extended to Mr. Cory in the loss of his beloved father, who for years divided his time between Florida, Ohio and Michigan, in the enjoyment of health and recreation. Of a kindly, genial nature, he made and kept a host of friends, who will regret to learn of the debt he paid that was exacted by nature.

As the train approached Cincinnati northward, Mr. Cory discovered, much to his surprise, there were two fellow passengers in the same Pullman sleeper who proved to be F. W. Booth, of Nebraska school, and Mr. Skyberg of the Minnesota school. His identity was revealed only when he endeavored to explain to Mr. Booth in natural signs that his baggage was taken by a porter to the platform when he returned from the wash room. Instinct moved Mr. Booth to inquire if his new friend was deaf. Soon afterward Messrs. Booth and Skyberg made themselves at home with the sign language in conversing with Mr. Cory, contrary to the allusion that they were strange bedfellows. The professors were on way home from the Tennessee convention at the time of this incident.

Rev. Utten E. Read, of Cincinnati, is expected to spend the holiday vacation in Florida as guest of his son, Ralph, who is a clerk in Wilmer Hotel at St. Petersburg. Ralph's mother will be one of the many winter residents in the Sunshine City. Rev. Mr. Read was until recently pastor of the Methodist church for the deaf in Cincinnati and is now a member of the public school faculty there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson entertained at a prettily appointed luncheon on Tuesday, November 27th, at the Green Frog restaurant in St. Petersburg, in honor of Mrs. Herbert McLennan and daughter Winnifred, of Detroit, Michigan. Covers were laid for six. In the afternoon dancing was enjoyed. Those present were: Mrs. Herbert McLennan and daughter Winnifred, Mrs. A. E. Henderson, Mrs. Henry G. Munson, J. R. Henderson and Mrs. Mabel Henderson. Mrs. McLennan and her daughter returned home early this month, carrying with them many kindest remembrances of their visit in the land of sunshine.

Mrs. Annie Nelson, of Plant City, recently communed with nature on her brother's farm near Lutz, and after a week-end visit with Mrs. W. G. Boltz in Tampa, returned home greatly invigorated in body and mind. Mrs. Nelson is a dealer in electrical appliances, which were invented and patented by her husband, who went to that bourne whither no traveler returns.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Austin, of Tampa, are now residents of Auburndale. Since being laid off in Orlando last August, Mr. Austin has been unable to secure employment in his line of photo-engraving anywhere in Florida. So, rather than going North at this time of the winter season, he plans to do orange picking until after the St. Augustine convention in May, when he goes North to stay for a year or thereabouts.

Coral Gables, at the south door of Miami, is fast filled up with winter visitors and residents, among whom are Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bush, of Richmond, Va. Some four or five years ago, they bought a beautiful Spanish bungalow. The last two winters were spent in California. This time, they are sojourning in Florida.

Robert Bolton, said to be hailing from Ohio, is permanently located in Miami, taking his abode with his uncle and aunt, who own a string of apartment buildings there. Robert is immensely delighted with the charms of the section of his choice.

C. D. Erwin, an employe of the Fort Myers Tropical News, spent a few days in Miami, preparatory to moving his family after the Thanksgiving holiday. His residence in Miami will be leased during his absence.

J. R. Quarles, the only man that Will Rogers can never excel in telling his famous bug story, is imbued with the notion of possessing a new Hup-

mobile "Eight" while the early buying is good. Mr. Quarles marks up advertising copy in the office of the Miami Herald.

Mrs. Mamie B. Kennedy, of Knoxville, Tenn., fell a victim to the irresistible charms of the winter climate of Florida, and is now in Miami enjoying its soothing effects. It is her second winter and with her as guest will be Mrs. Emma Morris, who has been spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Kessler, in Knoxville. Mrs. Morris is the mother of H. S. Morris, of Miami.

C. W. Kessler, formerly a resident of Miami, where he owns a magnificent home, and now living in Knoxville, Tenn., where he and his wife are affiliated with the school for the deaf in responsible capacities, has obtained a month's leave of absence and will utilize the interim remodeling and painting his residence in Miami, so as to have it in readiness for occupancy during the winter season by his friends.

Raymond H. Rou, president of the Florida Association of the Deaf, announces the dates of the meeting of the Association at St. Augustine, which will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 21, 22, and 23. It is quite a departure from the custom of having the reunion occur on the last few days of the week. The deaf members of the alumni and visitors who cannot lay off to attend the meeting, but expect to be there on Saturday and Sunday, will be disappointed.

Full particulars will be given in a subsequent issue of the School Herald. Mr. Rou's home is in Miami and he is the oldest linotype operator on the Herald in point of service, if not in years.

Mrs. Fred Pollock, who was suddenly taken ill while staying in the North with her husband and brought home to Homestead, was in a Miami hospital four weeks, convalescing from the effects of an operation. At this writing she is reported to be back in Homestead and on the road to complete recovery. F. E. P.

Summer Schools for Instruction in Sign Language

During the past summer we have had many schools for teachers of the deaf. These schools were held in behalf of oral teachers, and some of the teachers really needed instruction on how to teach the deaf child orally or otherwise. Many of them, no doubt, realized that the oral method alone has its limitations. We have no doubt that many teachers in oral schools would honestly welcome instruction in the sign language to be used within certain bounds. A working knowledge of the sign language, even if not used in the classroom, would be of great help to even the most rabid oralist.

Why not then have summer schools for instruction in the proper use of the sign language for teachers, preachers and others interested in the deaf? At any large gathering of the deaf it is noticeable that those who interpret speech making could profit by such instruction. Also many of the deaf themselves are not as good sign makers as in days gone by, when a master of the sign language (a McGregor for instance) could hold an audience spellbound with the beauty and vividness of his language.

To be able to deliver in signs a set formula or a drilled speech does not prove that a person knows the sign language. Only one that can take a ready part in a conversation, understand what is said to him and give a ready reply, can be classed as a sign maker. The sign language has its fine points like any other language, and as a rule these fine points are known only to the deaf who are masters of the language or those who have lived with them.

Some of the most comical stage plays are built on and the inability of foreigners to master the English language. And many a times the deaf have to smile at the efforts of a newcomer to make himself understood by signs. To be able to rattle off a couple of sentences in the manual alphabet with a few signs, and then be unable to catch the drift of a reply in the same language, certainly does not show a knowledge of signs.

There is another need for such a school. The sign language has degenerated. For this the oralists are to blame. They refuse to allow signs even on the playground of their schools, but their pupils will use signs. So the boys and girls invent their own signs, mostly of a facial character, which to say the least are worse than anything a De l'Epee could invent.

It might be well if schools for the deaf which have normal classes gave credits for a study of the sign language. Why confine all instruction to the oral method? The sign language will never become a dead language, and a command of it will be found a great help. Imagine a school for the deaf should a fire break out. How futile would be an attempt to warn the children by the oral method. Signs would have to be used to get them out of danger. Why then, not have a working command of the beautiful language of signs, which, when all is said and done, is the national and natural language of the deaf of every land under the sun.—Catholic Deaf-Mute.

